



IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently amended) An intentional presence system comprising:

a first transmitting device installed at a first physical location that is responsive to a command intentionally initiated by a first individual at said first physical location to develop a first presence signal intended for a second individual at a second physical location and to transmit said presence signal over a first physical data line associated with said first physical location;

① a first receiving device located at said second physical location which is receptive to said presence signal and which is operative to generate an indication to said second individual of said first individual's presence at said first physical location and to play a pre-recorded message to said second individual, said pre-recorded message selected by said first individual and stored in a memory on said first receiving device;

a second transmitting device installed at said second physical location that is responsive to a command intentionally initiated by said second individual at said second physical location to develop a second presence signal intended for said first individual at said first physical location and to transmit said presence signal over a second physical data line associated with said second physical location; and

a second receiving device located at said first physical location which is receptive to said second presence signal and which is operative to generate an indication to said first individual of said second individual's presence at said second physical location and to play a pre-recorded to said first individual, said pre-recorded selected by said second individual and stored in a memory on the second receiving device.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said first presence signal is intended for a multiplicity of individuals, and wherein said first receiving device is one of a multiplicity of receiving devices associated with said multiplicity of individuals.

4. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said first presence signal includes a data packet including an identifier of said second individual.

5. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 4 wherein said first receiving device is operative to receive said data packet to generate said indication of said first individual's presence.

6. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said first transmitting device develops a signal indicating that said first presence signal has been transmitted.

⑦ 7. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said second transmitting device transmits an acknowledgement to said second receiving device upon receipt of said first presence signal by said first receiving device.

8. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 7 wherein said second receiving device is operative to develop a confirmation signal that said first presence signal has been received by said first receiving device.

9. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 8 wherein said confirmation signal is automatically generated.

10. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 8 wherein said confirmation signal is intentionally initiated by said second individual.

11. (Currently amended) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said indication generated by said first receiving device is selected from the group of auditory, visual, tactile, haptic, motion, and heated displays.

12. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 11 wherein said first receiving device is embedded within an object having a meaning to said first individual and said second individual.

13. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 12 wherein said object is a representational figure.

14. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 11 wherein said auditory display includes a spoken output by said receiving device.

15. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 11 wherein said motion display includes the physical movement of part or all of an object.

16. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 11 wherein said visual display includes a lamp.

17. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 16 wherein said lamp is capable of displaying a multiplicity of visual appearances.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said first transmitting device includes a frame comprising an intentional initiation switch.

20. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 19 wherein said frame is touch-sensitive.

21. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 19 wherein said frame includes at least one switch.

22. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said first transmitting device can send a message pointer selected by said first individual from a group of predefined message pointers.

23. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 22 wherein a user can modify a group of audio messages that can be selected by said message pointers.

24. (Original) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 23 wherein the receipt of said message pointer causes the playing of a selected audio message.

25. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said first transmitting device and said first receiving device are matched pairs which only communicate with each other.

26. (Previously presented) An intentional presence system as recited in claim 1 wherein said first transmitting device and said first receiving device are part of a closed group which may include a multiplicity of transmitting devices and receiving devices and which are possessed by a social group.

27. (Currently amended) A method for intentionally signaling a presence comprising:

transmitting from a first transmitting device installed at a first physical location and over a first data line associated with said first physical location, in response to a command intentionally initiated by a first individual at said first physical location, a first presence signal intended for a second individual at a second physical location;

receiving at said second physical location said first presence signal and generating an indication to said second individual of said first individual's presence at said first physical location and playing a pre-recorded message to said second individual, said pre-recorded message selected by said first individual and stored in a memory on said first receiving device;

transmitting from a second transmitting device installed at said second physical location and over a second data line associated with said second physical location, in response to a command intentionally initiated by said second individual at said second physical location, a second presence signal intended for said first individual at said first physical location; and

receiving at said first physical location said second presence signal and generating an indication to said first individual of said second individual's presence at said second physical location and playing a pre-recorded to said first individual, said pre-recorded selected by said second individual and stored in a memory on the second receiving device.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 27 wherein said first presence signal is intended for a multiplicity of individuals, and further comprising receiving said first presence signal by said multiplicity of individuals.

30. (Previously presented) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 27 wherein said first presence signal includes a data packet including an identifier of said second individual.

31. (Previously presented) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 30 wherein receiving said first presence signal includes decoding said data packet.

32. (Previously presented) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 27 further comprising generating a signal for said first individual that said first presence signal has been transmitted.

33. (Previously presented) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 28 further comprising generating a signal for said first individual that said first presence signal has been received by said second individual.

① 34. (Original) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 27 wherein said indication is selected from the group of auditory, tactile, haptic, motion, and heated displays.

35. (Original) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 34 wherein said auditory display includes a spoken output.

36. (Original) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 34 wherein said motion display includes the physical movement of part or all of an object.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Original) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 27 wherein said transmitting is initiated by a frame capable of framing an image.

39. (Original) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 38 wherein aid transmitting is initiated by touching said frame.

40. (Original) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 38 wherein said transmitting is initiated by pressing a switch on said frame.

① 41. (Original) A method for intentionally signaling a presence as recited in claim 38 further comprising displaying an image within said frame.

42-47. (Canceled)

INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR §1.133 AND MPEP §713.04

A telephonic interview in the above-referenced case was conducted on April 28, 2004 between the Examiner and the Applicants' undersigned representative. The Final Office Action mailed on January 30, 2004 was discussed. Specifically, the rejections of claims 1, 3-17, 19-27, 29-36, and 38-41 and the proposed amendments set forth herein were discussed with the intent to place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time and attention in this case.